

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, and 8 are pending in the application. Claims 2 and 6 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, and 8 are amended. Claims 1, 5, 7, and 8 are independent claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 7 and 8 were objected to based on several grammatical informalities.

Claim 7 was objected to because the Office contends a colon is required after the word "comprises" in claim 7 at line 5. In response, the claim has been amended to include the colon suggested by the Office. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claim 8 was objected to because the Office contends that the colon after the word "device" in claim 8 at line 5 should be a semi-colon. In response, claim 8 has been amended as suggested by the Office. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 8 was also objected to because the Office contends that the word "a" should be inserted between "makes" and "storing" in claim 8 at line 8. In response, claim 8 has been amended as suggested by the Office. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action, a page 6, indicates that claims 2 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of their base and any intervening claims. In response, one base claim, independent claim1, has been rewritten to

include all the limitations of claim 2, and the other base claim, independent claim 5, has been rewritten include all the limitations of claim 6. As such, independent claims 1 and 5 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 2 and 6, respectively. Allowance of claims 1 and 5 is respectfully requested.

Although claims 7 and 8 were objected to, neither claim was the subject of any rejection in the outstanding Office Action. In a telephone conversation with the Examiner on February 10, 2010, the Examiner indicated that claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the grammatical objections. As discussed in the "CLAIM OBJECTIONS" section above, claims 7 and 8 are rewritten to overcome the objections. Allowance of claims 7 and 8 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 and 3-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen (U.S. Patent 7,039,028) in view of De Oliveira (U.S. Patent 6,763,004). Claim 1 has been rewritten to include all the limitations of claim 2 and has been identified by the Office as allowable subject matter. And Claim 5 is rewritten to include all the limitations of claim 6 and has been identified by the Office as allowable subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 1 and 5 is respectfully requested.

Amended claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. The allowance of claims 3 and 4 is also respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

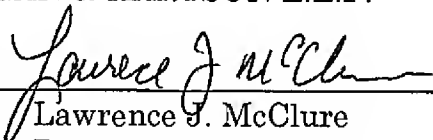
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310)785-4600 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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